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In re application of:

Norikazu MIZUNO, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING  
 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING  
 SILICON NITRIDE FORMED IN A REACTION  
 CONTAINER WITH NF<sub>3</sub> GAS FLOWING INTO  
 THE REACTION CONTAINER (AS TWICE  
 AMENDED)

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Art Unit:

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.  
☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.  
☒ A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is enclosed.  
☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	14	-	20	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18.00	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-	3	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84.00	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140		\$ 0
Independent Claims: 1, 22, 27					TOTAL		\$ 0

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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Respectfully submitted,

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